

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation Bay Area District 845 Casa Grande Road Petaluma, CA 94954

PROJECT TITLE: Benicia Beautification Project

LOCATION: Benicia State Recreation Area

COUNTY: Solano

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Install two interpretive signs at Dillon's Point and in picnic area, and replace a drinking fountain in Botanical Garden at Benicia State Recreation Area to enhance the visitor experience. Work will:

- Excavate four holes 12" diameter and 24" deep and install two signs backfilled with concrete;
- Excavate 35 foot long trench 12" wide x 12" deep to install new waterline for drinking fountain;
- Install 4" thick by 6' diameter concrete slab and drinking fountain to meet accessibility standards.

Garden plants may be relocated in connection with construction activities.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Bay Area District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 3 & 4

Section: 15301, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alterations of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing; construction and locating limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and the minor alteration in the condition of land and vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes, and is included as "interpretive signage" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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